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## To My Pony.

Thou'st borne me safe o'er classic soil,  
And safe thro' monie a bloody broil,  
And gi'n me help in a' my toil,  
My bonnie steed,  
Let ithers burn the midnight oil  
Wha hate thy dreed.

Wi' ye, thro' Gallia's fertile land,  
Wi' ye, to Britain's rocky strand,  
I followed Caesar's conqu'ring band,  
My trottin' pride,  
Wha, led by sae sma' mucker's han J,  
I swiftly ride.

Wi' ve, I enter Ilium's walls,  
And wander thro' auld Priam's halls,  
And sigh when valiant Hector falls,  
My pony swift,  
And laugh when sae puir grubber calls  
To get a lift.

Guid health to thee, my bonnie steed,  
Guid health to a' thy bonnie breed!  
When'er a bit o' help I need,  
I'll gae by thee.  
Thou'st iver been i' word and deed,  
A friend to me.

—University Cynic

## The Boating Question.

Andover, Mass., March 11, 1887.

TO THE PHILLIPPIAN:—

My attention has been called to an article in the last issue of the PHILLIPPIAN on the subject of boating in Andover. The writer is, or is supposed to be, an unknown quantity. At any rate he has certainly made some very startling statements. He commences by saying there is a "faction professing to have the welfare of the school at heart, who are trying to introduce a new branch of athletics," and then he proceeds to prove that this so-called faction is working against the welfare of its school. I am informed by him that Harvard, in *the* year she had no eleven to support, accomplished the most brilliant feat of winning the pennant in base-ball without suffering a single defeat. The statement is ambiguous. In the season '85-'86. Harvard had no eleven to support, but did she "accomplish that most brilliant feat?" No. She lost the championship, while Yale walked off with the pennant. Nor was this all, Yale in that very same year, supported, in addition to her nine, an eleven and an eight. She did not meet Harvard on the foot-ball field, but when the day for the boat race came, the boys in blue were again the victors. Did the fact of her maintaining an eleven or an eight injure Yale's interest in the base-ball field?

He says further that a few years ago Exeter was in the same position as we are now, and that she gave up her crew. Because Exeter failed in an undertaking, is

that any reason why Andover should? How absurd it would sound to say we didn't want boating here, because Exeter had given it up! Then, again, we are in a very different position from the one occupied by our sister Academy at that time. We have nearly or quite a hundred boys more than were in Exeter then. The question seems to be: "Will the boating interests here draw from the support of the nine?" It could do so in but two ways:—in material and in money. Look over the thirty or more who are trying for the crew. How many do you see, who would otherwise have tried for the nine? It is possible that there is one, but I don't believe it. Does the crew hurt the nine as far as money is concerned? Last year between four and five hundred dollars were given to boating interests, but the base-ball was not embarrassed for lack of money. On the other hand she had one of the largest subscription lists any branch of athletics in the school has had, and when the season closed, there was money still remaining in the treasury. Since the crew will need less this season, the base-ball will have so much the more; but it had enough and to spare last year. What right then has any one to say our base-ball interests will suffer this spring, if boating is entered into.

If then our boating interests can injure our base-ball in no way, I cannot understand the objection which a few of our number are raising against it. Perhaps there is a "viper" in our midst. I am not sure; but one thing I am confident of: if such a reptile is lurking among us, it has no fangs, and a viper without fangs is of all creatures most harmless.

I perfectly agree with my friend that everything should bend toward the defeat of Exeter this spring. We must defeat her; but I can't see what harm an eight, composed of fellows who are not ball players, can do to the nine, when we have plenty of money to back both. Yale has taken the trouble to give us a start. It is no more than just that we should at least give the crew a trial. It certainly has not had a fair one yet. It has a good start for this season, with fine prospects for one race at least. Since it can't injure our other athletics, will we not give it our hearty support?

U. V. W.://

TO THE PHILLIPPIAN:

In the last issue of the PHILLIPPIAN, our outlook in base-ball was spoken of in a very solicitous manner. As the author said, "we

must redeem the old standing Phillips." We must not compare ourselves with the larger colleges who can afford, in men and money, to support all branches of athletics, and have excellent advantages in location. Now, instead of contributing to the crew, why not pay our dollars for the hiring of some good trainer? We all have the greatest confidence in Captain Knowlton, but it would heighten our chances of success to have an experienced man to look at the team as a whole, and note and remedy its defects as such. As for races—what ones of importance could we have? If we were to win a victory over the Yale and Harvard Fresh., which is very doubtful, what good would it do us compared with one over Exeter? There is no getting around the statement made by the writer of the article in the last PHILLIPPIAN, that "we must not have too many irons in the fire at the same time." Let us then turn all out attention to base-ball.

A. B. C.

TO THE PHILLIPPIAN:—

The able article in your last issue in regard to boating was read with interest, but with the thought that after all the arguments might be satisfactorily rebutted.

No one will claim that our defeats of '85 and '86 were due to lack of support from the fellows, even though boating was introduced among us for the first time last spring. Nor was it because fellows tried to get on the crew who were better adapted for base-ball, that defeat was ours, for we all know that it was mere chance that decided against us.

Moreover, we must remember that last spring was the beginning of the new interest among us, whereas now it is here and seems in a fair way of becoming an important branch of athletics among us. Would it not be folly to wrench from us a thing bidding fair to be, not only successful, but, when reported in the outside world, a source of attraction to our school?

Again, the success of Harvard the year she had no eleven to support, was used as an argument against boating; but in what way the non-existence of an eleven in the fall could have any effect on base-ball the next spring, was not clearly shown, to my mind at least. Are not Harvard and Yale each now supporting their two teams and crews? Then why can not we just as successfully as they?

Therefore I echo the closing appeal of "X. Y. Z." as regards making base-ball a success this season, and also ask a place in the minds and interest of P. A. fellows for boating.

L. M. N.

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WE feel that a candid discussion of the boating question can do no harm. The time has come to act for or against it. We shall endeavor to give both sides an impartial hearing, and shall not now express an opinion either way.

THE Society of Inquiry is considering the advisability of altering its name. We should indeed be sorry to see this venerable name laid aside. The fact that its labor lies much in the plane of that of the modern Y. M. C. A. is in reality no reason for making the change. No one thinks of insisting on all churches of one denomination having the same name, and thus it would be difficult to discover any important kind of institutions for progress which have no distinctive name for its different members. It would not be christianlike, to say the least, for the Y. M. C. A. to exclude us because of our name.

## Mrs. Downs' Lecture.

Last Tuesday evening the people of Andover had the opportunity of listening to Mrs. Annie Sawyer Downs' lecture on "Childhood in Art," and the many who have heard and enjoyed her "Westminster Abbey" gladly availed themselves of the privilege.

Mrs. Downs' charming manner of handling her subject heightened the interest which its prominence in our own art lends to childhood in the art of all ages. The early Greeks, devoted to war, to deeds of might and valor, found little place in their art for childhood. In all the varying, shifting scenes with which Homer delights to adorn his work, childhood is mentioned but three times, and in a descriptive way but once,—in the parting of Hector and Andromache. Likewise in their sculpture we find it but rarely depicted; indeed, we may almost say that their art recognizes but one representation of childhood: that of the merry and mischievous little god, Cupid.

The Christian era brought a decided change in the importance of childhood in art. But just as the new faith was beginning to possess men capable of realizing the highest conception of the nativity, civilization, after attaining so considerable a height under the Roman Empire, fell back into barbarism. For centuries lawlessness and superstition ruled the world. The spirit of art was crushed out with an iron

heel. Fanatic Moslems and almost as fanatic Christians destroyed many of the masterpieces of antiquity. But in all this degradation the church kept alive a few sparks of ancient learning, which eventually kindled the revival. It is the bridge across the chaos, the connecting link between ancient and modern civilization. And it was the influence of the church which fostered the germs of art so long hidden, and inspired the first attempts at revival. These attempts have little distinct merit in themselves, but the child life, with our Saviour as the type, becomes more and more prominent. This prominence was traced in all its stages of development to our own time, where childhood is assigned the best place in all art.

The Greek and Roman masters, Thorwaldsen, Corteggio, Murillo; Raphael, Titian, Rubens, Whistler, Millet, and many others, were drawn upon by Mrs. Downs for the illustrations; the views were selected with the taste and judgment of a true connoisseur.

## Prof. Gomstock's Lecture.

On last Friday evening Prof. Comstock delivered the second of his lectures on Ancient Rome, to a large audience, in the Academy hall. Although it was the intention of Prof. Comstock to make these lectures strictly a school affair and supplementary to his teaching, so many have desired to attend them that he has been induced to throw the course open to the students of the other educational institutions of Andover, and to the towns-people who desire to attend. He still retains, however, the most important of his original intentions.

The route followed in his second lecture was as abounding in points of interest as that of the first. Starting from the Capitoline Hill, the Capitol, the Tabularii, the arches of the emperors, the imperial fora of Caesar, Augustus, Nerva, and Trojan, the Coliseum, were all visited. The first stand taken was upon the Palatine Hill, whence towards the Capitol, a view was had across the Forum Romanum, which in the last lecture we had found so rich in archaeological remains. The temple of Jupiter Capitolinus was here described at considerable length. To give a more vivid idea of this magnificent structure, the ruins of a temple at Pastum, probably the best preserved of any in Italy, were shown. These views gave a very clear idea of what a Roman temple was, both in exterior and interior. The Palace of the Senators was also described quite fully at this point, in connection with which many views of an interesting character were shown. Before leaving the Capitol, a visit was paid to the tabularium. Descending into the street before the Capitol, the points of interest in the immediate neighborhood were again noticed. The mamertine prison was shown, and its tragic connection with so many prominent men of that time mentioned. Here the noble Gaul, Vercinge-

torix, the infamous Catilinarian conspirators, the Christian apostle and martyr, Paul, and the unprincipled adviser of Tiberius, Sejanus, all met the same fate. The imperial fora next claimed our attention. Here many other points of interest were met. In the forum of Trojan the magnificent column of that emperor attracted immediate attention. Its many inscriptions make it very valuable to the student. The lecturer gradually worked around to the starting point and closed his lecture by a visit to the Coliseum.

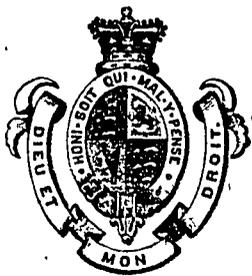
Mr. Comstock succeeded in infusing a great amount of interest into a naturally dry subject, by his rich fund of historical incidents; and notwithstanding the fact that he had to contend against the elements, held his audience remarkably well.

## From the Boating Committee.

The gentleman who kindly contributed to the PHILLIPIAN last week under the title of X. Y. Z., remains no longer an unknown quantity. We congratulate him on giving us so much valuable information, but we emphatically deny the charge that the committee who are interested in boating have not their whole heart and soul in whatever is of interest to the Academy. If we consider that we are detracting from the support which the base-ball should have, we positively refuse to have anything more to do with boating. We must make it of first importance to beat Exeter by all means, and no one can be more willing to render aid in accomplishing this end than the boating committee.

If the gentleman claims to represent the majority of the school, and can give us testimony of the same, it would show a lack of patriotism on our part if we did not yield to the opinion of the school. We should feel that we were committing a gross misdemeanor in doing otherwise than representing the voice of our fellows. In entering upon this work, we had in mind the returns which we considered should be made to Yale for her kindness to the Academy in giving us the privilege of using two eight-oared shells upon the Merrimack, and calling them our own. The college expected us to make some return for their use, and it does not seem that she would have been so short sighted as not to have weighed the matter thoroughly before offering them, as it was probably through the influence of graduates from Phillips, who were well posted on the disadvantages which arise from our situation, that they were given. Yale would also have been very careful where she put her shells, as she no doubt expects support from us when we enter college. It seems that the fault lies in accepting the shells, if any there is fault to be found; but since we have accepted the proposition as offered by our friends at college, we ought to stand by our agreement.

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### Phillipiana.

Dilworth has been quite sick with pneumonia, but is now much better.

Cornell will have Teemer to coach them in rowing, and a great revival in boating interest is looked for.

One of our bright pupils has discovered that Shakespeare employs "ah there!" Verily, what is there that is new?

A large number of Fem Sems. spent Wednesday in Boston, part of the day at the Art rooms, part where they chose.

Columbia, Harvard, Princeton and Yale have formed a new league. Williams has been admitted into the Inter-collegiate League.

The Society of Inquiry is considering the propriety of changing its name to Y. M. C. A. This question comes up almost every year.

The training of candidates for the crew will go on just the same in the absence of Mr. Howland. Let all be on hand to-morrow afternoon.

Examination of the complaint box in the Harvard *Crimson* office shows but three against the new marking system to twenty or thirty a year ago.

It is cruel to disappoint a large number of fellows who have labored two terms for a dear object, but it must be done. It is reported that no French play will be given at Abbot Hall this year. We expect to see an immediate falling off in our French class.

Of six seniors at Yale who last year received the highest literary honors—the Townshend prizes—one is captain of the base ball team, another of the foot-ball team, two rowed on their class crew one played in the class nine, and the sixth is a good athlete.

Thomas Melville, Princeton 1769, was one of the patriots who went aboard the tea ship in Boston harbor and threw out the tea. The only specimen of that historic tea that escaped destruction was found the next morning in the shoes of Melville and being placed in a vial is still extant in the family of Chief-Justice Shaw of Massachusetts.

The West is as aggressive in the East as the East is in the West. The trans-Alleghany college men form their own clubs in Yale, Harvard and Williams; and successful western journalists in New York and Boston form quite a guild, although they remain unorganized. But the effete East holds up its head and points to nine tenths of the best western towns with paternal pride, certain that the clever youngsters whom they send back to the old home are, so to speak, chips of the old block, fashioned into boomerangs.—Advertiser.

It is told of a certain Boston artist that he received an order from a college for a medal to be made with the face of a certain ancient Roman upon it, of whose features no likeness had been left upon either coin, medallion, or shield. He did not relish the task, but at last bethought him of a servant in a friend's family, who, it was claimed, was as far removed from physical beauty as anything this century has produced. One of her features is a prominent Roman nose. The artist began by using the nose, but ended by transferring the whole face to the medal. This medal the college now treasures among its archives as the representation of an ancient Roman general. Verily necessity is the mother of invention.

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